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# THE COTTAGE HERB GARDEN:

Wherein is contained a List of all manner of thriving Plants:

**HERBS of a fragrant savour;**

offered for Sale, to provoke your content, LIBRARY  
during the Spring, the Summer & at the Fall; RECEIVED

AS ALSO

**A List of the Dried Herbs:**

for Flavoring & for Fragrance; as well as

divers kinds of commodities for the use of a Garden;

WHEREUNTO IS ADDED  
such other information as is right necessary to be known.

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## THE COTTAGE HERB GARDEN AND SHOP

The quaint little Cottage Herb Garden and Shop adjoin the Bishop's Garden of Washington Cathedral. The Herb Garden was designed by the late Mrs. G. C. F. Bratenahl, landscape architect of Washington Cathedral and chairman for many years of the garden committee of All Hallows Guild. The Garden and Shop were opened in 1934 for the purpose of making living plants and dried herbs available to the public. The offerings received are used solely for the maintenance of Washington Cathedral. Some of the plants are grown in the Cathedral greenhouse, and some in the Herb Garden. The Garden lies within a curving low stone wall. An ancient pavement of pie-shaped bricks leads to the door of the English Cottage (once the Temporary Baptistry) which houses the Shop. Visitors are most cordially welcomed. The hours are 9 to 6 in Summer, and 9 to 5 in Winter, except on Sundays and the great feast days of the Church. The Garden contains two unique herb gardens: one of many herbs named in the Bible, and one of herbs named in Shakespeare's plays and poems.

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SHIPMENT OF PLANTS from the greenhouses can be made throughout the United States, according to Government Regulations, during Spring and Fall. Plants are inspected and passed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture before shipment. PLANTS ARE HEALTHY, WELL ROOTED, VERY CAREFULLY PACKED: BUT TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.

ANNUAL PLANTS ARE PRICED at 25c each, or \$2.50 a dozen; perennial plants are 40c each, or \$4.00 per dozen; others as indicated in the following list, plus 50c for packing. The minimum order accepted for shipment is for six plants. Transportation charges are additional. Seeds are 10c a packet.

*When ordering Plants or Seeds please give substitute choices to save time in handling order.*

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### HERBS FOR THE GARDEN

#### (PLANTS OR SEEDS)

"A little cottage plot . . . And did you not notice how ever and again you fell upon some quaint, strange plant which has been expelled from the modern border, which seemed to touch your inmost soul and to fill your mind, especially if in childhood, with a sense of wonder and mysterious awe."

AMBROSIA. *Chenopodium botrys*. Annual. Fragrant, small oak-like leaves. Used as a tea.

BALM. Lemon. *Melissa officinalis*. Perennial. Dark green lemon-scented leaves. Used in fruit salads and iced tea, and in Potpourri.

BASIL. Bush. *Ocimum minimum*. Annual. Aromatic green leaves; spicy flowers. Used in salad dressings and with cottage cheese.

BASIL. Sweet. *Ocimum basilicum*. Annual. Yellowish-green leaves; very pungent clove-like flavor. Used in tomato dishes, green salads and cooked vegetables.

**BERGAMOT.** Bee-balm or Oswego Tea. *Monarda didyma*. Perennial. Fragrant foliage; red flowers. Used as a beverage herb for tea or flavoring wine. (Plants only)

**BORAGE.** *Borago officinalis*. Annual. Oval leaves; blue flowers. Leaves used in salads, flowers used as a garnish. Good for bees.

**BURNET.** *Sanguisorba officinalis*. Perennial. Cucumber-scented leaves used in salads, soups and iced drinks.

**CATNIP.** *Nepeta catari*. Biennial. Gray-green leaves; lavender-colored flowers. Used as tea. Cats love it.

**CHIVES.** *Allium schoenoprasum*. Perennial. Slender tube-like leaves have delicate taste and scent of onion. Used in salads, omelets, meats and sauces.

**COSTMARY.** *Chrysanthemum balsamita*. Perennial. Long stalks, mint-scented leaves; yellow flowers. Dried leaves used for tea; in France for veal stuffing. (Plants only)

**DILL.** *Anethum graveolens*. Annual. Soft feathery leaves, very pungent; yellow flowers. Leaves used for flavoring meats and fish sauces; seed used for pickled cucumbers and vinegar.

**FENNEL.** *Foeniculum officinale*. Annual. Finely-divided thread-like leaves; yellow flowers. Leaves used to flavor soup or fish; seeds to flavor soups, spiced beets and cakes.

**GERANIUM.** *Pelargonium*. Scented leaf. Perennial. (Plants only)

Apple. Odor fresh apples; white flowers.

Balm. Large velvety leaves; pink blooms.

Ivy Leaf. Waxy star-shaped leaves.

Lady Mary. Dainty leaves with spicy scent; a free bloomer.

Lemon. Lemon-scented leaves; rose-tinted flowers.

Mint. Strongly scented; large leaf.

Nutmeg. Small round-gray-green leaves.

Oak Leaf. Rich dark green leaves.

Rose. Velvet-like divided leaves which smell of roses and spices; pink flowers.

Skeleton. Aromatic leaves intricately branched; pink flowers.

40c each

\$4.00 per dozen

**GERMANDER.** *Teucrium chamaedrys*. Perennial. Pungent foliage; purple flowers. Good as edging plant.

**HOREHOUND.** *Marrubium vulgare*. Perennial. Woolly leaves; whitish flowers. Formerly used in candy and in syrup for coughs and colds.

**HYSSOP.** *Hyssopus officinalis.* (Blue or pink.) Perennial. Dark green leaves; blue and bronze flowers. Formerly used medicinally and in perfume. Good for edging.

**LAVENDER.** *Lavandula officinalis or Vera.* Perennial. Gray-green narrow leaves; fragrant flower spikes. Used in perfumes, sachets, and formerly in medicines.

**LOVAGE.** *Levisticum officinale.* Perennial. Large dark green celery-like leaves; yellow flowers. Stalks used in salads; seed for flavoring confections.

**MARJORAM.** Pot. *Origanum onites.* Perennial. Aromatic leaves; fragrant white flowers, sometimes pinkish. Used when fresh for tea, when dried for potpourri. (Plants only)

**MARJORAM.** Sweet. *Origanum marjorana.* Annual in north, perennial in south. Small fragrant green leaves; greenish flowers. Used in perfume; also for flavoring salad, soup and meat, especially lamb.

**MINT.** *Mentha.* Perennial. Used for flavoring beverages, vegetables, sauces and confections. (Plants only)

APPLE. *Gentilis.*

CURLY. *Crispa.*

PEPPERMINT. *Piperita.*

PENNYROYAL. *Pulegium.*

SPEARMINT. *Spicata.*

**NEPETA MUSSINI.** Perennial. Sturdy green leaves; masses of blue flowers. Used for edging.

**PARSLEY.** *Petroselinum hortense.* Biennial or perennial. Ornamental dark green curly leaves. Used for flavor and garnishing.

**PENNYROYAL.** See Mint.

**PEPPERMINT.** See Mint.

**ROSEMARY.** *Rosemarinus officinalis.* Perennial. Narrow, fragrant, gray-green leaves; pale blue flowers. Used for fragrance and for flavoring.

**RUE.** *Ruta graveolens.* Perennial. Much-cut leaves grayish green; small yellow flowers. Bitter stinging taste; pungent odor. Used sparingly in green salads.

**SAGE.** *Salvia officinalis.* Perennial. Rough, gray-green leaves; lavender-blue flowers. Used for seasoning, particularly pork and poultry. Also used for tea.

**SANTOLINA.** Gray, or lavender cotton. *Santolina chamaecyparissus.* Perennial. Fragrant, silver-gray leaves resembling sea-weed; flowers like golden balls. Decorative plant, excellent for edging. (Plants only)

**SANTOLINA.** Green. *Santolina virides.* Green, fragrant, low-growing. (Plants only)

**SAVORY.** Summer. *Satureia hortensis.* Annual. Slender soft leaves; pale pinkish-lavender flowers. Leaves used in flavoring soups, salads, meats and vegetables, or as a garnish.

**SAVORY.** Winter. *Satureia montana*. Perennial. Smooth dark green leaves; pinkish-white flowers. Used to flavor soups and meat. A legendary first aide for bee-sting. (Plants only)

**SOUTHERNWOOD.** *Artemisia abrotanum*. Perennial. Feathery silvery-green aromatic leaves. Sometimes called Old Man's or Lad's Love. (Plants only)

**SWEET CICELY OR MYRRH.** *Myrrhis odorata*. Perennial. Fragrant fern-like leaves; small white flowers. Seeds, plant and root formerly used in cooking and medicine. (Plants only)

**SWEET WOODRUFF.** *Asperula odorata*. Perennial. Fragrant leaves that grow in a beautiful design; small white flowers. Excellent ground-cover for a partly shady spot. (Plants only)

**TARRAGON.** *Artemisia dracunculus*. Perennial. Pungent rich green leaves. Used for flavoring vinegar, salads and fish sauces. 50c each. (Plants only)

**THYME.** Sturdy, aromatic little plants. Excellent for edging borders in herb or rock gardens. Leaves used for flavoring meats, vegetables, soups, sauces—also as a tea.

**ENGLISH.** Broad leaf. *Thymus vulgaris*. Perennial. Dark green leaves; rosy-pink flowers.

**FRENCH.** Narrow leaf. *Thymus vulgaris*. Perennial. Gray-green leaves; pinkish flowers.

**LEMON.** *Thymus citriodorus*. Perennial. Tiny, dark, glossy leaves; purple flowers.

**GOLDEN.** *Thymus aurea*. Perennial, green leaves edged with yellow.

**WORMWOOD.** *Artemisia absinthium*. Perennial. Silky, gray-green foliage, bitter in flavor. Used medicinally and in making absinth.

The descriptions in the herb list above have been compiled from the writings of herbal authorities whose books are included in the Cottage Herb Garden book-list.

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## OTHER PLANTS AVAILABLE

**LEMON VERBENA,** *Lippia Citriodora*. Fresh lemon scent. Iced drinks, teas, sachets. Protect over winter in cold climates. 50c each.

**BOXWOOD.** *Buxus suffruticosa, Semperfivrens*. Pot-grown cuttings from historical Boxwood in the Bishop's Garden. 50c each.

**HELIOTROPE.** *Petasites fragrans*. 40c each.

**IVY.** *Hedera helix*. Large leaf. Associated with two Cathedrals: Washington and Canterbury in England, as the original came from Canterbury Cathedral. 25c each.

*Baltica*. Small leaf. 25c each.

**IRISH YEW.** 50c each.

**JAPANESE YEW.** 50c each.

**ENGLISH YEW.** 50c each.

**MYRTLE.** *Vinca Minor*. 25c each.

**SPURGE.** *Pachysandra terminalis*. 25c each.

## DRYED HERBS FROM THE COTTAGE

Dried herbs packed in glass jars bearing the Cottage Herb Garden label, in two sizes, at 25c and 60c. (Note: Peppercorns are 50c a jar.) For mailing gift-assortments, compartment boxes may be obtained containing two, four or six of the 25c jars. Four 25c jars weigh about one pound, packed for mailing. Postage additional. Boxes for 6 jars, 10c each; smaller boxes, 5c each.

**FOR FLAVOR:** Delightful in salads, vegetables, soups and sauces, and for seasoning meats and drinks: Basil, Bay Leaf, Caraway, Coriander, Dill, Fennel, Mint, Rosemary, Saffron (Amer.), Sage, Savory, Sweet Marjoram, Tarragon, Thyme, Anise, Cardamon, Celery salt and seed, Cumin, Curry, Garlic salt, Herb Garden Mixture, Mustard, Oregano, Peppercorns, Pepper-mint, Sesame, Smoked salt. And (most helpful to beginners in the use of herbs) special mixtures of dried herbs, specially blended and marked as follows: Soup, Omelet, Poultry Stuffing, Creole Cookery (powdered), Gumbo Filé (powdered), and Salad.

**FOR TEAS:** Chamomile, Horehound, Peppermint, Sassafras, Linden. In Jars 25c each.

**FOR FRAGRANCE:** Herbs and Flowers, dried and blended into old-fashioned potpourri, for Rose-Jars, Linen-Shelves, and Handkerchief Drawers; packed in Glass Jars, at 30c each. Sweet Lavender in Glass Jars at 25c each. These fit into the same compartment boxes mentioned above. Boxes 5c to 10c each.

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## A VARIETY OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

**BIRTHDAY CARDS**, greeting cards for invalids, and cards for Easter and Christmas; all carefully chosen.

**HERB CHARTS** for the kitchen or pantry wall, at 45c each, including postage.

**BOOKS**, carefully selected, on the herb garden and on the uses of herbs; the current book list may be obtained upon request.

**PEPPER GRINDERS.** 2½ inches high in polished wood. Suitable for table use. \$2.00.

**SALT MILLS.** Nice companion to pepper grinders. Gift boxed with one bag of salt crystals and one of smoked salt. \$2.95.

**SHIPMENT** of dried herbs and of other articles from the Cottage may be obtained by mail, on orders to the amount of \$1.00 or more. The remittance accompanying the order should include an additional amount for postage.

**INQUIRIES** and orders should be addressed to **THE COTTAGE HERB GARDEN, WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL, WASHINGTON 16, D. C.**

## HOW TO USE HERBS

Herbs should add subtly to the flavor and aroma of your cooking. They should never dominate the dish.

USE SPARINGLY AT FIRST. It is easier to add than subtract. Begin with a pinch of herbs to a serving for four. Pulverize between your fingers or in palm of your hand to release the flavor. DO NOT USE HERBS in more than one or two dishes at the same meal.

Try them singly or in combinations.

One or two mild flavored herbs such as:

with one herb of stronger flavor from the following:

Basil	Thyme (Called by )	Pot Marjoram	Caraway
Chervil	Tarragon (the French )	Savory	Sage
Sweet Marjoram	Chives ("fine herbs." )	Fennell	Mint

Oregano

Use herbs—singly or combined—in Soups; Omelettes; Cottage Cheese; Herb Butter; Salad and Salad Dressings; Vegetable dishes and juices; Meats, stews, and gravies; Fish and fish sauces.



## RECIPES

**BOHEMIAN CLUB ONION SOUP:** Slice three strong onions and cook until soft in some olive oil and a little butter. Add to either chicken broth, meat stock or water, a cup of cream or rich milk when the onions are soft (not browned), pepper and salt, some of the sweet green herbs,\* finely minced, added on serving but not cooked. May be served with grated parmesan cheese.

—Helen Lyman, *10 Herbs Will Make a Kitchen Bouquet.*

\*For sweet green herbs, try marjoram, savory, thyme and parsley.

**OMELETTE AUX FINES HERBES:** Various combinations of herbs may be used, but for the omelette the following is good: thyme, basil, summer savory, and chives. If fresh herbs are used, chop them finely and mix, adding to the omelette just before folding, or mixing them with the eggs before cooking the omelette. If dried herbs are used, soak in cream or water, drain and chop.

4 eggs slightly beaten  
1 tablespoon of olive oil  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt

4 tablespoons of cream  
2 tablespoons of mixed herbs  
 $\frac{1}{8}$  teaspoon pepper

The omelette is made by slightly beating the eggs, and adding for each egg one tablespoon of cream, salt, and pepper. Cook in olive oil or melted butter.

Mix all the ingredients, put oil into a hot omelette pan, pour in the egg mixture and shake the pan slightly during cooking. Fold, and serve immediately.

The French or Spanish omelette is never brown.

—Miss Shapleigh's recipe adapted from the French, *Gardening with Herbs*, Fox.

**ROAST LEG OF LAMB, A LA ROSEMARY:** Prepare leg of lamb as usual, making small slit in the stout part. Place a small spray of rosemary (or 1 teaspoonful, if dried) in the slit, and sew. Baste with olive oil.

**ROSEMARY BISCUIT:** Two cups of bread flour, into which are cut 1/3 cup shortening and 1/4 cup finely chopped rosemary leaves. If the dried herb is used, the leaves must be soaked in hot milk till soft. Add 1 cup milk, 3 teaspoons baking powder, salt, and 1/3 cup sugar. Roll lightly, cut in blocks, and bake carefully. These should be browned, but not hard.

—H. N. Webster, *Herbs—How to Grow Them and How to Use Them*.

**SUMMER HERB SALAD:** Sprinkle lettuce leaves lightly with minced fresh marjoram, fennel and summer savory. Add French dressing with which a trifling portion of prepared mustard has been mixed.

**TARRAGON VINEGAR (for salads):** Fresh or dried leaves of tarragon, 2 oz., vinegar—good wine vinegar, 1 qt. Heat the vinegar and pour over the leaves and let it stand 12 hours *only*. Strain off and bottle.

—Mary C. Dennis, *What to Do with Herbs*.

**HERB COTTAGE FRUIT CUP:** To one large can of fruit cocktail add: 1 diced apple, 1 sliced banana, grated rind and juice of 1 lemon, 1 teaspoon finely chopped mint or lemon-balm leaves. Chill together.

**CARDAMON COOKIES (delicious with herb tea):**

1/2 cup butter

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

Flour enough to make a dough to roll out

1 tablespoonful finely crushed cardamon seed

Grated rind of 1 lemon

1 teaspoonful soda dissolved in 1/4 cup hot water

Cream butter and sugar, add crushed cardamon seed, eggs well beaten, and flour; roll thin, cut into shapes; bake at 375 degrees until lightly brown. To prepare cardamon seeds, remove outer shell and crush with rolling pin.

**SPAGHETTI-AND-TOMATO RECIPE OF AN OLD ROMAN COOK:** Boil 1 pound of spaghetti 20 minutes. Drain dry. Toss into a frying pan of hot oil (1 cup) in which has been previously browned 1 chopped onion, or 1 clove of garlic and a few leaves of sweet basil, green or dried.

Turn the spaghetti constantly with two forks, lifting it until the whole is thoroughly saturated with the hot oil, salt and pepper.

Pour over a tomato sauce and serve with grated cheese and a sprinkle of saffron flowers if you like.

—Rosetta E. Clarkson, *Herbs—How to Grow Them and How to Use Them*.

**NOTE:** A small booklet of herb cookie recipes has recently been published by the Cottage Herb Garden. Copies are now available for 25c.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS FOR SALE AT THE  
COTTAGE HERB GARDEN  
WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL  
WASHINGTON 16, D. C.

PAMPHLETS

Herb Cookies (a booklet of recipes) published by Cottage Herb Garden....	\$ .25
It is Easy to Grow Herbs, by Bunny and Phil Foster .....	.50
Herbs Preferred, by Frances A. Bush.....simple recipes.....	.50
Grandmother's Herbs and Simples, by Anne Mountfort .....	.75
Diplomatic Dishes.....recipes from Embassies.....	.35
Pin Money Herbs.....by Rosetta Clarkson.....	.50

BOOKS

Herbs: How to Grow Them and How to Use Them, by Helen Webster.....	\$ 2.00
Herbs for the Kitchen, by Irma Goodrich Mazza.....	2.50
Herbs, Their Culture and Uses, by Rosetta E. Clarkson.....	3.50
Joy of Cooking, by Rombauer .....	3.00
Cooking with an Accent, by Isabella Gaylord .....	1.50
BUCKS the Artists' County COOKS, a Gourmet's Guide to Estimable Comestibles with Pictures.....	2.75

(This list is subject to change as books are added or go out of print).

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